

The President's Daily Brief

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. France

The French put up a satellite on Wednesday--their first in nearly a year. It was, at best, not altogether successful. Yesterday France asked if US radar could be used to help search for fragments in space resulting from the malfunction of the vehicle's third stage.

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3. Soviet Union

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We now think there is a rather good chance that the new spacecraft the Soviets tested for the second time on Monday is intended for manned missions to the moon. We do not know yet what lunar mission this vehicle could perform, but a circumlunar flight--looping around the moon and returning to earth--seems well within its capabilities.

At least one flight of this kind--perhaps with a dog or two--will likely precede a manned circumlunar attempt. The next favorable time for such a mission will be between 26 February and 5 March.

5. Sino-Soviet Relations

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6. North Vietnam

The improvement and expansion of North Vietnam's rail lines is continuing. More key lines are being made so they can be used by the standard gauge equipment employed in China. In fact, when current improvements are completed, goods coming from or through China will be able to get as far as Hanoi without transloading.

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7. Great Britain -
West Germany

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Mobutu and the Belgians are finally set to sign new contracts. A subsidiary of Union Miniere will mine and market the Congo's copper.

8. Congo

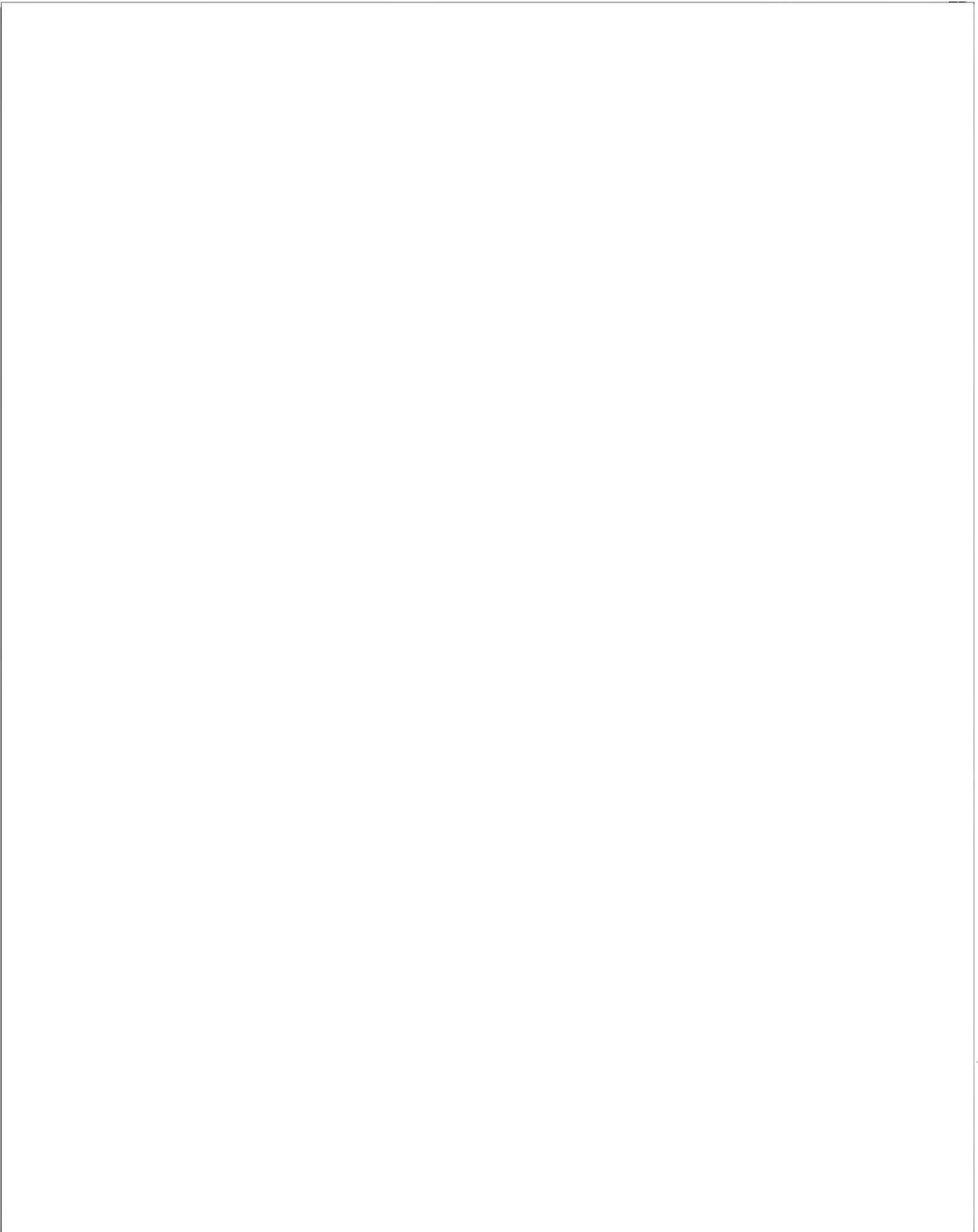
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